

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

ITO et al.

Serial No.: 09/823,704

Filing Date: March 30, 2001

For: INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM  
AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL  
METHOD USING NETWORK

Examiner: Leroux, Etienne Pierre

Group Art Unit: 2161

**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2007, to which a response was due on October 17, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: